MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know the amount in the estimate for the Aroor bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): About Rs, 5½ lakhs.

M. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Was any estimate prepared by any of your predecessors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not that I am aware of.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Has any estimate been prepared for the Alwaye bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not in my office.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

274. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the new appointments in the Co-operative Department were directly made by the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The appointments were made by Government on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): പുതിയ സമുദായവിജ്ഞാനത്തിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയാണോ ഈ നിയമനം നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അതെ.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): അങ്ങനെ ഏതു നിയമനം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): ഫസ്റ്റ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെയും, സെക്കന്റ് ക്ലാർക്കന്മാരെയും, ഫസ്റ്റ് പ്യൂൺസിനെയും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): ഏതെല്ലാം സമുദായത്തിൽപ്പെട്ടവർക്കാണ് ഈ നിയമനത്തിൽ പ്രവേശനം സിദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അതിലേക്കു ഒരു ലീസ്റ്റ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതു് വളരെ വലുതാണ്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ പകരം നോക്കിയിട്ടില്ലാത്തവരെ ഇപ്പോൾ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരെയും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

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MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : അങ്ങിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവക്ക് ഏതെങ്കിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ പകരം ജോലിയുണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : അങ്ങിനെയില്ലാത്തവക്കും ജോലികൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : രണ്ടും മൂന്നും കൊല്ലം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ പകരം ജോലിനോക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളവക്ക് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നിയമനത്തിൽ പ്രാവശ്യം നൽകാത്തതിന് എന്തുകാരണമാണെന്ന് പറയാമോ?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : മുൻവർഷത്തെ സർവ്വീസ്സുള്ളവക്ക് ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : പുതിയനിയമനത്തോടുകൂടി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഗ്രൂപ്പ്സിക്രട്ടറിമാരായിജോലി നോക്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്നവരെ പിരിച്ചുവയ്ക്കുന്നതാണെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഉത്തരവ് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : ഗ്രൂപ്പ്സിക്രട്ടറിമാരായിരുന്നവരിൽചിലർക്ക ഇപ്പോൾ ഉദ്യോഗം ലഭിക്കാതിരുന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN (SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ഗ്രൂപ്പ്സിക്രട്ടറിമാരിൽ ആരെയെങ്കിലും പ്യൂൺആയി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : ഒരാളെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ബാക്കിയുള്ളവരുടെകാര്യംകൂടി ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ദയവായി ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member the exact number of persons appointed to the Inspectorate from among those who were never in Government service before?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I believe six new men were appointed.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know the considerations which weighed with the Government in making those appointments?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) The Public Service Commissioner considered all aspects of the question before he made the recommendation.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner in this matter of recruitment to the Inspectorate was accepted in its entirety or whether there was any change?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The recommendations of the Commissioner were accepted without any change.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there was any complaint from any applicant that in the matter of selection the principle laid down by the Public Service Commissioner was not followed by Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the basis on which the Public Service Commissioner made his recommendations to Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Public Service Commissioner has framed certain rules which were approved by Government and these are followed by him in making his recommendations.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether, under the rules as well as the Government order regarding recruitment, 60 per cent. of the Inspectors must be recruited as a result of competition?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether such a procedure was followed in this instance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the rules were followed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any competitive examination was held by the Public Service Commissioner in the matter of recruitment of the Inspectors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No competitive examination was held.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know then how the selection was made by the Public Service Commissioner in this instance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): By comparing the qualifications of the respective applicants.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it was in defiance of the Government orders as well as the rules that the Public Service Commissioner without conducting a competitive examination submitted a haphazard and irresponsible recommendation to Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. The selection was made by the Public Service Commissioner and approved by Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the basis on which he made the selection or he sent his recommendations to Government?

PRESIDENT: Qualifications.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many persons applied for the Inspectors' posts to the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): About 140.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the minimum as well as the maximum qualifications for the applicants?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The qualifications required were notified in the Gazette.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how by looking at the applications alone the Public Service Commissioner made his recommendation?

PRESIDENT: That the Government cannot answer. The Government have appointed an officer and he makes a recommendation. It is impossible for Government to say what the Public Service Commissioner did, whether he inspected their photos or adopted any other device.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the officer will have to follow the rules.

PRESIDENT: It has been repeatedly told from the Government benches that rules have been framed and a notification issued under the rules. The Public Service Commissioner has made the recommendation under the rules. You cannot expect a more definite answer than that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am just attempting to bring out from the Government member that the Public Service Commissioner has not followed either the rules or the notification of Government.

PRESIDENT: You may point out in what direction there has been a breach of the rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether, according to the rules published for the recruitment to the public service, the Public Service Commissioner held a competitive examination in the case of the Inspectors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It was not obligatory to hold a competitive examination.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether the rule as to the 40 per cent. reservation and 60 per cent. open competition was followed in this instance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether this rule is with reference to the total number of vacancies or to the number of vacancies that remain after providing for the men holding acting vacancies for three years and more?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is only after providing for the men with three years' acting service that the rule can apply.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Am I to understand that the men with three years' acting service and more were first dealt with and from out of the remaining number the rule as to 40 per cent. reservation and 60 per cent. open competition was observed?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member, Sir, whether a candidate having passed the M. A. examination of the Madras University in the first class and having obtained the Diploma for economics in Madras and who has had acting experience has been overlooked?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, whether Government will gather the information regarding that?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether there is any hard and fast rule with regard to the recruitment to the public pervice? Do the rules suggest only general lines on which recruitment should be made or are they so strict that we cannot deviate even an inch?

PRESIDENT: The rules are definite.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether there is any Mahomedan among the Inspectors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether he is a person who was in service already?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He was a temporary Inspector and he has now been confirmed.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Was any new Mahomedan appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Not even in the lower grade?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In the lower grade, I find one Mahomedan has been appointed.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is it among the peons?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes,

Appointment of Muslim Assistant Inspectors.

275. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the appointments of how many Muslim Assistant Inspectors were recommended by the Education Reforms Committee; and

(*b*) the number of Muslim Assistant Inspectors in the Inspectorate at present?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The member is referred to pages 45 and 279 of the Report of the Education Reforms Committee.

(*b*) 2.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it not for encouragement to be given to Muslims that the Education Reforms Committee has recommended the appointment of three Muslim Inspectors?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes and no, Sir.

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